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1. The road from Razgrad (N 43-31, E 26-31) via Isperrikh (N 43-43, E 26-50) to Silistra (N 44-08, E 27-16), 112 kilometers in length, is classified as Category II, i.e., a third class road, between Razgrad and the junction at Dulovo (N 43-49, E 27-10) with road "G.P. 9" from Shumen (now Kolarovgrad), but in reality it is much better between these two points than its official classification would suggest.
2. At Razgrad the road leads northeastward out of the town and maintains the same general direction until it meets the Silistra-Dobrich (N 43-35, E 27-50) road near the village of General Popovo (N 43-54, E 27-17), just south of Alfatar (N 43-57, E 27-18), where it turns north. It passes through the following towns between Razgrad and General Popovo:
 - a. Yasenovets (N 43-34, E 26-37), nine kilometers from Razgrad;
 - b. Yonkovo (N 43-38, E 26-42), 18 kilometers from Razgrad;
 - c. Durach (N 43-39, E 26-47), 24 kilometers from Razgrad;
 - d. Golyam Porovets (N 43-40, E 26-48), 27 kilometers from Razgrad;
 - e. Isperrikh (N 43-43, E 26-50), 35 kilometers from Razgrad; allow two kilometers for the town of Isperrikh;
 - f. Kitanchhevo (N 43-44, E 26-53), 42 kilometers from Razgrad;
 - g. Unnamed village (N 43-44, E 26-57), 46.5 kilometers from Razgrad;
 - h. Okorsh (N 43-45, E 27-02), 54 kilometers from Razgrad;
 - i. Vokil (N 43-46, E 27-04), 59 kilometers from Razgrad;

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- j. Ovech (N 43-48, E 27-05), 64 kilometers from Rasgrad;
- k. Dulovo -- old village and new village (N 43-49, E 27-09), 67.5 and 70.5 kilometers respectively from Rasgrad; and
- l. Cherkovno (N 43-51, E 27-11); 76 kilometers from Rasgrad; the road does not pass through the village.
3. The distance from Rasgrad to Ispirikh is 35 kilometers, from Ispirikh to Alfatar 56 kilometers, and from Alfatar to Silistra 21 kilometers.
4. The surface throughout consists of rolled gravel with dirt shoulders one meter wide on either side. It is in good or fairly good condition between Rasgrad and General Popovo. The stretch between General Popovo and Silistra is in very bad condition. The following is a detailed summary of the various sections of this road:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Road Width (meters) Incl. Shoulders</u>	<u>Condition of Main Surface</u>
Rasgrad-Yasenovets	3	Good.
Yasenovets-Yonkovo	3	Good except for occasional stretches, especially on hills, where there are ruts. In dry weather a speed of 60 k.p.h. is possible in comfort.
Yonkovo-Golyam Porovets	3	Good except for hilly stretches where there are ruts because of bad drainage.
Golyam Porovets-Ispirikh	3	Fairly bad. Ditch clearance in progress (April 1954).
Ispirikh-Kitanshevo	3 - 3.5	Moderate; tendency to form ruts.
Kitanshevo-Vokil	Varies between 3 and 4	Good.
Vokil-Ovech	Varies between 4 and 4.5	Good.
Ovech-Dulovo	3 - 3.5	Good.
Dulovo-Cherkovno	Varies between 4 and 4.5	Good.
Cherkovno-8 kilometers northeast of Cherkovno	Up to 5	Good.
8 km. NE of Cherkovno-General Popovo	5	Rather rough surface.
General Popovo-Alfatar-Silistra	5 - 5.5	Bad; many holes.

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5. Between Razgrad and Dulovo, the road passes through gently undulating country. For the rest of the distance, except in the vicinity of Silistra where it descends fairly steeply into the town, it lies on almost completely level ground. In the first of these sections, there are occasional slopes, some of which are marked 10 percent, notably near Yonkovo, Kitanchevo, and halfway between Ovech and the old village of Dulovo. At all of these places except Kitanchevo, there are one or more hairpin bends.
6. From Razgrad to Yassenovets there is no shade near the road although young trees have recently been planted along the shoulders. Between Yassenovets and Ispersikh there is occasionally good cover, but for the most part cover is thin. There is little shade between Ispersikh and Dulovo; after that there is virtually none at all for the remainder of the distance to Silistra.
7. There are level crossings at the following places:
 - a. Six and one-half kilometers northeast of Razgrad (main line, standard-gauge, between Ruse and Kaspichan); and
 - b. Eight and one-half kilometers east of Ispersikh (branch line, standard-gauge, between Samuil and Todorovo).
8. The following is a list of roads that either branch off or cross the Razgrad-Alfatar section of this road:
 - a. At the southwest entrance to Yassenovets, a minor branch road goes northward to Cherkovna (N 43-36, E 26-39), four kilometers;
 - b. Six kilometers northeast of Yassenovets, a branch road goes southeast to Golyam Izvor (N 43-34, E 26-43), five kilometers;
 - c. At Durach, a branch road goes south to Gara Samuil (N 43-31, E 26-45), 14 kilometers;
 - d. At Durach, a minor branch road goes northwest to Staro Selishte (N 43-39, E 26-44), one kilometer;
 - e. At Durach, a minor branch road goes southeast to Burdovka (N 43-38, E 27-48), two kilometers;
 - f. At Golyam Porovets, a branch road goes north to Maluk Porovets (N 43-43, E 26-46), six kilometers;
 - g. At the western end of Ispersikh, a road goes northwest to Kubrat (N 43-48, E 26-30), 28 kilometers;
 - h. At the eastern end of Ispersikh, a minor branch road goes north to Yakim Gruevo (N 43-45, E 26-53), five kilometers;
 - i. Three kilometers east of Kitanchevo, a track goes northeast to Paisevo (N 43-47, E 26-58);
 - j. One kilometer east of Okorsh, a road leads northwest signposted to Tutrakan via Paisevo;

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- k. At northern exit from Dulovo new village, a branch road goes northwest to Dobrotitsa (N 43-57, E 27-00);
- l. Four kilometers northeast of Dulovo new village, a branch road goes north to Cherkovna (N 43-51, E 27-11), one kilometer, and south to Mezhdan (N 43-49, E 27-12), two kilometers;
- m. Seven kilometers northeast of Cherkovno, a branch road goes to Tsar Asen (N 43-52, E 27-17), one kilometer;
- n. At General Popovo, the road junctions with the Silistra-Dobrich road; and
- o. At the southern entrance to Alfatar, a road goes west to Voinovo (sic).

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